

SOY: Abraham Lincoln chooses best of the best

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EAWS books, being a leader seems to be a full-time job.

"Trust is the most important part of leadership," McCollough said. "Unless the people you lead know you'll go to bat for them, trust will never be established."

And when the job involves handling millions of dollars of highly dangerous ordnance, trust is a key ingredient.

The Littleton, Colo., native said the first thing he does when a new Sailor reports to his division is sit down and get to know as much as he can.

"I'll ask where they're from and whether they have family," 29-year-old McCollough said. "I try to impress that they can come to me if they have a problem."

"If a Sailor has a problem, I like to think I try to help out as much as I can,"

he added. "If an LPO ignores his Sailors or keeps referring them to other sources, they're not going to talk to you and hence not trust you either."

McCollough says the best part of his job is the camaraderie.

"Even when the job is demanding, I still love coming to work every morning," he said.

Retention: ALBG sets standard in reenlistment rates

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Robert Warrick, CAG Career Counselor.

"I've got 19 years in the Navy this month. I wanted to finish my 20 years and I couldn't think of a better place

to do it than on board the USS Abraham Lincoln during my last deployment," said AO1 James Baley, Weapons G-5 Division.

"A reenlistment is a celebration to one's country. It commemorates a successful tour. Reenlisting also recognizes a commitment to further service. I don't think there is anything more honorable than that," said Capt. Douglas Dupouy, commanding officer.

In addition to choice orders and promotion advantages, the Abraham Lincoln and Carrier Air Wing Fourteen retention team paid out \$5.4 million in SRB money to reenlisting Sailors.

Anthrax: Immunizations may restart in October

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reserve service members. There were 1,326 reports of adverse reactions to the vaccine. Most were minor reactions at the shot site. A total of 52 required hospitalization. All returned to duty.

DoD ordered the inoculation program in 1996 with the first vaccines administered in March 1997. The department is seeking a second source for biological warfare protection.

"We don't want to be in a position where we have to rely on a sole-source, non-government producer in the future," West said. "We would like to have capabilities like that duplicated."

"We would like to have a facility where we can call all the shots and make all the decisions. So we are pursuing a government-owned production facility — not just for anthrax but to include several other vaccines we would need in the future," he added.

He said such a facility would not be operational for at least five to seven years.

For more information visit the program Web site at <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/>.



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Capt. D. K. Dupouy shakes IC1 Lynell Constantine's hand during the frocking ceremony last week.

**Bravo Zulu to all of
USS Abraham
Lincoln Battle Group's
petty officers!**